Target for agricultural credit

3254. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the target fixed for agricultural credit this year and achievements made so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that only 17 per cent target has been achieved so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps which are being taken by Government to achieve remaining target; and

(e) the steps being taken to give timely agricultural credit to the farmers to save their crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (c) As per the data made available by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), the details of target fixed for agricultural credit for the year 2009-10 and achievement there against as on 31 October, 2009 is as under:

Agency	Target	Disbursement (April-October 2009)	Achivement (%)
Commercial Banks	250,000	110,204.35	44.08
Cooperative Banks	45,000	32,924.89	73.17
Regional Rural Banks	30,000	20,065.37	66.89
TOTAL	325,000	163,194.61	50.21

50.21 per cent of the agricultural credit flow target fixed for the year 2009-10 has been achieved as on 31 October.

(a) and (e) Government has implemented Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008 and the beneficiary farmers under this scheme are eligible for availing fresh bank credit.

Reserve Bank of India has issued comprehensive guidelines to the banks for providing debt relief to farmers affected by natural calamities including droughts etc. These relief measures include, *inter alia*, restructuring of existing loans by way of conversion/ rescheduling of loans, provision of fresh crop loans for affected farmers, non-compounding of interest in respect of loans converted/rescheduled, treatment of converted/rescheduled agriculture loans as 'current dues', moratorium period of at least one year, while restructuring, relaxed security and margin norms etc.

Government has advised all the State Governments/UTs and NABARD to closely monitor the disbursement of agricultural credit on a regular basis. They have also been advised to hold special State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) meetings for ensuring that farmers get adequate and timely credit during the Rabi season.

Technical support to farmers through ATMA

3255. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to extend technical support to farmers through Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA);

(b) if so, the details of achievements made by ATMA during the last three years in providing technical support to farmers;

(c) whether in the absence of technical support to farmers, the production of agricultural commodities has been badly affected; and

(d) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to encourage farmers to adopt latest technologies, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms" popularly known as ATMA Scheme was launched in May, 2005. Its objective is to support State Governments' efforts in revitalization of the extension system by promoting a new institutional arrangement for technology dissemination in the form of an Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) at district level. The scheme is under implementation in 588 districts of 29 States and two UTs across the country. Under the scheme technical support is being provided to the farmers through different extension activities *viz.* Farmers Training, Exposure Visits, Demonstrations, Kisan Melas, Field Days, Kisan Goshties, Farmer-Scientist Interactions, Mobilization of Farmer Interest Groups (FIGs) and setting-up of Farm School on the fields of outstanding farmers for providing season-long technical back-stopping to the group leaders of the farmers. Over 95 lakh farmers have been benefitted so far since 2005-06 through various extension activities.

(b) Under Extension Reforms Scheme technical support is being provided to the farmers, through ATMAs. A statement containing details of achievements (State-wise and year-wise) for the last three years as reported by the States is given in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) No such study has been conducted so far under ATMA. However, production of Food grains has only increased during last few years.

(d) Following steps have been taken by the Department to encourage farmers to adopt latest technologies *viz:*

(i) Farm Schools in the field of outstanding farmers are being promoted at Block/ Gram Panchayat level.

(ii) Farmer-to-farmer extension support within a village is being promoted.

(iii) Funding window has been provided at both state and district levels for implementing innovative extension activities not specifically covered under the Programme.

(iv) Farmers' Awards have been instituted at block, district and state levels.

(v) Community Radio Stations (CRS) are being set up by KVKs under the Programme.

(vi) For Non-Governmental implementing agencies, States have been given the flexibility of having Extension Work Plans prepared and approved at the State level. Minimum 10 per cent of outlay of the Programme is to be utilized through them. Non-governmental implementing agencies would also be eligible for service charge up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the cost of the extension activities implemented through them. Apart from other NGOs financial assistance is also available for implementation of extension activities through agri-preneurs.

Statement

State-wise and year-wise details of achievements by the State for last three years

Farmer oriented activities (2006-07)

Sl. No.	State	Expo-visit		Training		Demo		Kisan Melas		Total		FIGs. Mobilized
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	A.P.	1483	334	15072	8414	2647	1057	22404	13896	41606	23701	274
2	Bihar	240	120	5445	2930	380	130			6065	3180	143
3	Chhattisgarh	292	53	3541	987	14500	5100	26985	11743	45318	17883	1294
4	Goa	116	76	747	303	1667	458			2530	837	5
5	Gujarat	279	137	1229	724	570	190	447	150	2525	1201	200
6	Haryana	325	64	605	167	2278	547	6055	370	9263	1148	43
7	H.P	580	260	3052	1558	1340	610	11300	8750	16272	11178	325
8	Jharkhand	1931	619	6370	2140	1005	335	4236	2604	13542	5698	221
9	Karnataka	63		215		979				1257		112
10	M.P.	792	152	5912	1140	568	92	20441	4771	27713	6155	675
10	Maharashtra	15343	1897	640	10	4632j	976	264422	98880	285037	101763	271
12	Orissa	600	400	3300	4465	80,000	40,000	60,000	22500	143900	67365	1365
13	Punjab	3530	741	14932	4808	7083	2217	25271	16926	50816	24692	180
14	Rajasthan	2068	737	5212	2170	2356	757	26138	8972	35774	12636	418

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
15	Tamil Nadu	456	294	1869	1001	772	378	338	121	3435	1794	18
16	Uttaranchal	150	60	1652	682	606	236	3775	1782	6183	2760	36
17	U.P	2496	624	12947	3423	4090	355	44010	20032	63543	24434	492
18	W.B	100	40	170	210	188	61	22390	13620	22848	13931	54
19	Assam			504	216			380	120	884	336	
20	Arunachal Pradesh	205	85	1600	1250	550	350	0	0	2355	1685	0
21	Manipur	110	20	950	200	80	0	0	0	1140	220	200
22	Mizoram	55	33	3527	1210	560	231	9256	4977	13398	6451	71
23	Nagaland			1080	862	350	250	588	462	2018	1574	60
24	A&N	22								22		10
25	Sikkim	259	111	1138	487	294	126	1750	750	3441	1474	30
26	J&K	2449	428	7737	1250	666	511	8097	2172	18949	4361	0
	GRAND TOTAL :	33944	7285	99446	40607	128161	54967	558283	233598	819834	336457	6497

M= Number of male farmers, F= Number of female farmers.

Farmer oriented activities (2007-08)

Sl. No.	State	Expo-visit		Training		Demo.		Kisan Melas		Total		Figs. Farm Mobilized		Schools
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
1	A.P.	1635	552	43032	21413	3126	1659	22035	13554	69828	37178	412	207	
2	Bihar	1034	516	26016	11151	316	108	41892	18056	69258	29831	736	200	

3	Chhattisgarh	1428	596	1561	668	165	75	20016	3342	23170	4681		112
4	Goa	0	0	504	216	0	0	250	150	754	366	0	0
5	Gujarat	1566	1051	3408	1842	5951	1611	20171	21503	31096	26007	813	34
6	Haryana	651	265	2278	547	324	64	6055	370	9308	1246	43	80
7	H.P.	760	430	2295	1340	1400	700	11270	7130	15725	9600	297	52
8	Jharkhand	645	207	1428	412	1400	0	1155	385	4628	1004	130	9
9	Karnataka	760	430	2295	1340	8930	2670	11270	7130	23255	11570	61	0
10	M.P.	5800	1326	26654	5741	3781	294	57415	9821	93650	17182	150	575
11	Maharashtra	15932	6025	39162	16814	1863	268	17977	5897	74934	29004	1318	135
12	Orissa	13900	3200	254000	346300	10000	3507	94539	218	372439	353225		323
13	Punjab	4507	703	23682	3644	19871	2954	25261	3701	73321	11002	477	22
14	Rajasthan	6138	915	48438	23997	134411	52359	22357	6389	211344	83660	747	96
15	Tamil Nadu	1167	514	6057	2953	10439	4263	30264	29115	47927	36845	357	133
16	Uttaranchal	1524	276	10643	3946	1674	485	9657	4641	23498	9348	98	0
17	U.P	5808	1922	90993	11519	24623	2027	102217	36412	223641	51880	1598	572
18	W.B	0	0	18080	4520	79151	19788	11201	2434	108432	26742	112	142
19	Assam	65	414	504	216	0	0	0	0	569	260	0	12
20	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
21	Manipur	379	199	568	294	102	56	180	68	1229	617	130	0
22	Mizoram	47	7	206	160	374	150	3713	1655	4340	1972	153	0
23	Nagaland	248	155	3240	9680	750	1000	1383	1354	5621	12189	45	30
24	A&N	100	20	1120	240	0	60	1590	685	2810	1005	10	4

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
25	Sikkim	0	0	15	84	340	60	1590	685	1945	829	5	14
26	J&K	0	0	25	0	0	0	25	0	50	0	0	0
27	Kerala	1041	510	502	234	0	0	0	0	1543	744	0	0
28	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	153	0
Total :	2007-08	65135	19863	606706	469271	308991	94158	513483	174695	1494315	757987	7845	2780

M= Number of male farmers, F= Number of female farmers.

Farmer oriented activities (2008-09)

S.No.	State	Expo-visit		Training		Demo.		Kisan Melas		Total		Figs Mobilized	Farm Schools	Reported upto Month
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	A.P.	27405	11746	151919	65109	6493	2783	35525	15225	221342	94863	301	548	March
2	Bihar	11685	2634	112499	30796	4863	0	96696	31869	225743	65299	150	364	March
3	Chhattisgarh	494	83	1159	513	727	212	5018	2127	7398	2935	186	0	March
4	Goa	60	45	5000	1000	0	0	1590	530	6650	1575	0	63	Jan.
5	Gujarat	2195	0	3313	0	6633	0	6681	0	18822	0	473	11	Dec.
6	Haryana	3862	2263	6742	1035	5813	0	134250	25600	150667	28898	58	172	March
7	H.P	2486	1252	7161	4000	1700	1065	21199	9901	32546	16218	250	21	March
8	Jharkhand	2335	900	1580	670	4627	0	15740	8400	24282	9970	634	14	Jan.
9	Karnataka	5610	2360	11350	4850	1375	475	408445	16000	426780	23685	228	36	March
10	M.P.	17122	3974	62969	12784	22955	1190	415675	63431	518721	81379	14375	1199	March

11	Maharashtra	14428	1450	25940	11050	5369	2292	14330	6176	60067	20968	380	187	March
12	Orissa	3920	1642	203637	178514	31618	4386	223919	108602	463094	293144	1021	292	March
2	Punjab	38043	5278	36405	5827	38374	1060	65119	8211	177941	20376	83	58	March
14	Rajasthan	11487	3402	17573	8230	6280	2617	94680	27222	130020	41471	910	282	March
15	Tamil Nadu	24073	12404	5187	2440	5715	0	12648	7752	47623	22596	850	381	Feb
16	Uttaranchal	7013	2625	15009	6906	1859	613	120797	20195	144678	30339	203	95	March
17	U.P	32698	11632	111836	16027	108249	29005	233685	100796	486468	157460	2259	1077	March
18	W.B	15200	6800	46139	19760	7350	0	29725	13025	98414	39585	380	302	Jan.
19	Assam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
20	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
21	Manipur	666	301	568	282	264	0	248	96	1746	679	0	0	March
22	Mizoram	1107	553	3740	1860	168	84	21	9	5036	2506	200	0	Feb
23	Nagaland	875	419	6587	4121	25371	0	45800	24158	78633	28698	404	28	March
24	A&N	9	0	396	264	1280	0	2022	881	3707	1145	0	11	March
25	Sikkim	352	258	1960	840	342	0	5631	49	8285	1147	24	14	March
26	J&K	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
27	Kerala	7103	2484	9616	4322	21870	0	75573	31122	114162	37928	236	110	March
28	Puducherry	0	0	760	240	10	0	1267	974	2037	1214	5	3	Sept.
29	Tripura	150	50	5330	870	811	0	430	220	6721	1140	5	0	Jan.
Total :	2008-09	230378	74555	854375	382310	310116	45782	2066714	522571	3461583	1025218	23615	5268	

*Information awaited from rest of the States.

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